



# Ms. Serina Johns Hopkins Director of College Success

## A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

One learning experience that changed me was living in Hawaii for seven years. It was a really different culture than the one that I was raised in and my time there helped me develop and solidify my values. My time on the Big Island taught me that we need to value our planet through all of our actions, we are responsible for taking care of our neighbors and community, and family comes first always.

## My Favorite Book:

The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho

## My Hobbies and Interests:

In my free time I like to watercolor paint, read endlessly, cook new foods, and explore Denver with my dog Nugget.

## Prior Experience in Education:

For the past seven years, I have been working at a public school in a rural farming community in South Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii. For four years, I taught all types of math classes. I then became the College and Career Counselor and led the Counseling Department.

## Something Super-Unique About Me:

People always think it's funny when I tell them I go to bed every night by 8:00pm. Sleep is the key to my incessant enthusiasm :)

## Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

First and foremost, I'm excited to work with the students in the DSST community! I have been away from Denver for a long time and I look forward to working with students from my own home community. I also am excited to work with a staff that is extremely passionate about student success and willing to innovate to do what is best for students.